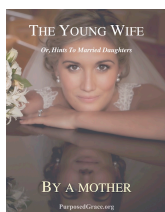


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NO MIXED GARMENT

"THOU SHALT NOT WEAR A GARMENT OF DIVERS SORTS, AS OF WOOLEN AND LINEN TOGETHER." (DEUTERONOMY 22:11)

Who should have thought that such a precept as this of Moses had a gospel signification!

And yet as Christ was preached under types and figures through the whole law, we may reasonably suppose that not a single command was then given but what had an eye to Him and His great salvation.

If we find the Lord so strict respecting the outward dress of the body, what may we conclude the Lord would enjoin respecting the inward clothing of the soul?

If woolen and linen were offensive to be worn together, surely, we cannot appear before God in motley dress of Jesus' righteousness and our own. The fine linen, scripture saith, is the *righteousness of saints* (REVELATION 19:8). With this, which Jesus put on His people, nothing of our own woolen garments must be worn. The righteousness of a creature, had we any, which in fact we have none, cannot be suited to mix with the righteousness of the Creator. And no man that is wise for salvation would put the old piece of our corrupt and worn out nature upon the new garment of the renewed nature in Christ Jesus.

When therefore the Lord saith, “*Thou that shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts;*” my heart replies, ‘No, Lord! Let me be clothed with the robe of righteousness, and the garment of Thy salvation; then shall I be found suited for the marriage supper, when the King comes in to see His guests at His table.’

PASTOR ROBERT HAWKER

WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS

“BELOVED, NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD, AND IT DOETH NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE: BUT WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.”

(1 JOHN 3:2)

God leads all His people “*forth by the right way;*” (PSALM 107:7); but the right way is to them as God leads them, a mysterious one, for He “*brings the blind by a way that they knew not*” (ISAIAH 42:16). Could you and I, by the eye of faith, retrace the whole path that God has been pleased to lead us in, from the time He was pleased to quicken our souls or I might go further back than that—from the time that we came into existence; could we accurately and believingly trace out all the path, we should come to this sweet conclusion in our minds: It has all been a path of undeserved and unmingled mercy; His dealings with us, however painful they may have been, yet have all guided us “*by the right way, that we might go to a city of habitation*” (PSALM 107:7).

And what is our present condition? Some of us perhaps are passing through severe trials, walking in “*darkness that may be felt,*” (EXODUS 10:21) laboring under heavy burdens, and not seeing the sun behind the cloud. But may we not judge from the past, what is the use of the present, and what will be the issue of the future? Has the Lord ever disappointed your expectations? Has He ever been to you less than you have hoped, or other than you wished? Oh that the Lord would enable each of us to trust Him even now! However dark the path He may call us to walk in, may the Lord give us this blessed confidence, that He is still leading us, still guiding us, and will lead us and guide us, until He brings us to “*see Him as He is,*” to enjoy His presence, and to sit down in His glorious and eternal kingdom.

PASTOR J.C. PHILPOT

An excerpt from J.C. Philpot's Sermon “*The Heavenly Birth And Its Earthly Counterfeits*”

“COMPLETE IN HIM”

“CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH,” (ROMANS 10:4)

The obedience required by the law He has given, the satisfaction for sin, which it demanded, He has presented on behalf of His Church and people. Each one is brought by the Holy Ghost to confess: *“In the Lord have I righteousness and strength,”* ISAIAH 45:24. The Word declares, for the comfort of all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, *“In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory,”* ISAIAH 45:25.

He, Himself the Righteous One, is the righteousness of His people, and they are taught that precious truth, *“For He hath made Him sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him,”* 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21. *“Of God!”* Before the worlds were framed, the whole election of grace was in Christ Jesus.

“Of God!” By pure regenerating grace are they in Him justified from all things from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses, perfect in Christ Jesus, *“accepted in the Beloved,”* Ephesians 1:6; *“Complete in Him,”* Colossians 2:10.

[PASTOR] THOMAS BRADBURY (1677–1759)

WHAT SHALL WE DO...

“THEN SAID THEY UNTO HIM, ‘WHAT SHALL WE DO, THAT WE MIGHT WORK THE WORKS OF GOD?’” (JOHN 6:28)

Our Lord gives us the life giving answer to that question—*“What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?”* *“Believe on the one God sent!”* Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! [JOHN 6:28-29]

Reader, how will you do that? By the grace of God in Christ given to us before the foundation of the world. By the grace of God His people are hid in the Ark of their salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, you have been put in Christ—the Ark of your salvation, and we say to those who are hearing the gospel this morning, flee to Christ, flee today. Believe on Him right now! Perhaps you have left this building in the past without coming to Christ, without laying hold of Him by faith, but I trust if you have received God’s grace in Christ, you’ll come running now. I need a savior right now. Coming to Christ is believing on Christ every *present* moment. Lord, if I have not loved you before—let me love you today. If I have not come to Christ Jesus your Son before, let me come to Him today. If I have not laid hold of Christ before, I beg you, let me lay hold of Him now, and ever more.

Friend, Christ is the only savior. Christ Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* (JOHN 14:6). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved! Amen.

PASTOR